

In the Specification

Please replace the second full paragraph on page 15 with the following:

The porous carbon film having platinum fine particles dispersed and supported therein
~~dispersed and supported therein~~ was subjected to SEM and HRTEM observation to determine the mean particle diameter and proportion of multiply twinned particles. Both of the carbon films were confirmed to have platinum fine particles dispersed and supported on the film surface and on the pore surfaces inside the film.